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ARTICLE 11 SAFETY

- 11.1 The City shall provide a reasonably safe and healthy working environment in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. The employee organization/union agrees that where safety devices or protective equipment is required or furnished, its use shall be mandatory.
- 11.2 An employee who believes his/her work assignment is unsafe and for that reason refuses to perform such assignment shall be assigned other duties, if other duties are available, and no other employee shall be assigned the work assignment in dispute until after a determination has been made by the City's Safety Officer. ~~If no other duties are available, the employee shall be placed on a leave of absence without pay, pending the above determination.~~
- 11.3 Prior to being placed on such leave, however, the employee may request the presence of the appropriate employee organization/union representative.
- 11.4 The employee's immediate supervisor shall immediately request the City's Safety Officer to make a determination as to the safeness of the work assignment in question. If the assignment is determined to be unsafe, the employee shall be reimbursed for any time lost due to the refusal to perform. If the employee disagrees with the determination of the City's Safety Officer and continues to refuse to perform the assignment, he/she shall be assigned other duties, if such other duties are available, and a prompt request for a determination by the Department of Industrial Safety of the State of California shall be made. Pending such determination, the assignment shall not be given to another employee. If no other duties are available, the employee shall be placed on a leave of absence without pay, pending the determination of the Department of Industrial Safety. If the assignment is determined to be unsafe, the employee shall be reimbursed for any time lost due to refusal to perform. The determination by the Department of Industrial Safety of the safeness or unsafeness of the work assignment shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.
- 11.5 Upon request of either the employee or the representative of the Department of Industrial Safety, the appropriate employee organization/union representative shall be permitted to accompany the City Safety Officer, or the representative of the Department of Industrial Safety, or both, during the inspections of the questioned work assignment. Neither the employee nor the appropriate employee organization/union representative shall suffer any loss of compensation for time involved in the inspections of the questioned work assignment during their respective regularly scheduled working hours. In no event shall overtime or premium pay be paid for any time spent in such inspections.
- 11.6 As used herein, the term "City Safety Officer" shall include any person designated to act as such.